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SUBJECT: FMG REQUISITION OF EMBASSY ANNEX

REF: STATE 156065

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY JULY 10 GAVE MEA REPORT OF ITS TECHNICAL FINDINGS REGARDING WORK, COSTS AND TIME INVOLVED IN MOVE FROM EMBASSY ANNEX. MEA AGAIN REJECTED PROPOSAL THAT FMG PAY FOR MOVE. MEA SPOKE OF ITS NEED TO SHOW "THE GOVERNMENT" SOME POSITIVE MOVEMENT NEXT WEEK AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD START SOME WORK IN THAT DIRECTION BEFORE RECEIVING WASHINGTON DECISION ON FUNDING. AT MEA REQUEST WE WILL PROVIDE PHONE AND POWER REQUIREMENTS SO THEY CAN TAKE UP WITH P&T AND WITH NEPA. MEA REPRESENTATIVES ENDED WITH ASSURANCE OF THEIR DESIRE TO COOPERATE AND ASSIST AND UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF THIS COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, AS EMBASSY WILL OTHERWISE FACE DIFFICULT PROBLEM WHEN MOLONEY CONTRACT EXPIRES DECEMBER 1976. END SUMMARY.

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2. DCM AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR PIPER MET AT MEA JULY 10

WITH DEPUTY PROTOCOL DIRECTOR MGBOKWERE AND REPRESENTATIVES ONANAIYE AND ADEFUNewa FROM PERMANENT SECRETARY IYALLA'S OFFICE TO REPORT FINDINGS OF TECHNICAL STUDY OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EVACUATION OF EMBASSY ANNEX BUILDING. MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED AT AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 24 MEETING WITH IYALLA. EMBASSY HAD TRIED FOR A WEEK TO FIX A SPECIFIC DATE FOR IT, AND MEA ACTED ONLY AFTER BRIGADIER OBASANJO'S TROOPS OCCUPIED THE ANNEX COURTYARD, CREATING A CRISIS SITUATION.

3. DCM EXPRESSED REGRET OVER INACCURACIES IN "FMG STATEMENT" PUBLISHED BY DAILY TIMES, JULY 10 (LAGOS 6573), BUT SAID HE WAS GLAD SOLDIERS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM ANNEX SO DISCUSSIONS ON MOVE OF U.S. OFFICES COULD BE RESUMED. MGBOKWERE QUICKLY ASSERTED STATEMENT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT OFFICIAL FMG RELEASE, HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED BY MEA AND HAD NOT BEEN SEEN BEFORE PUBLICATION.

4. DCM THEN REPORTED RESULTS OF CLOSE INSPECTION OF OKOTIE EBOH PROPERTY WITH ASSISTANCE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM ELECTRIC POWER AND TELEPHONE UTILITIES, CIVIL ENGINEERS, LOCAL CONTRACTING FIRM AND U.S. COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY TECHNICIANS FROM ACCRA AND ABIDJAN. HE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS.

A. REDUCTION OF SPACE FROM 37,000 SQUARE FEET CURRENTLY OCCUPIED IN ANNEX TO 10,000 OR 11,000 IN OKOTIE EBOH. DCM SAID NOT ALL OFFICES COULD BE HOUSED AT OKOTIE EBOH AND OTHER QUARTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT, PERHAPS AT LOT 14A NEXT TO NEW CHANCERY SITE IF FMG WOULD AGREE, OR WOULD HAVE TO BE LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

B. NEED FOR TELEPHONES AND FACT THAT P&T HAD SAID THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL LINES AVAILABLE FOR EMBASSY USE AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN OKOTIE EBOH AREA.

C. NEED FOR REPLACEMENT OF LIGHT SINGLE-PHASE POWER BY HEAVY DUTY THREE-PHASE CABLE BY NEPA.

D. NEED FOR AIR CONDITIONING IN ALL BUILDINGS.

E. NEED FOR NEW DOORS AND LOCKS, SECURITY MESH AT WINDOWS AND SECURITY LIGHTS AND ADDITIONAL NIGHT GUARD SERVICE.

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F. NEED FOR PAINTING AND REPAIR OF BUILDINGS.

G. NEED TO EXPAND SURFACED AREA FOR PARKING.

5. DCM PROVIDED COST ESTIMATES FOR ABOVE, INCLUDING COST OF PHYSICAL MOVE ITSELF AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES REVISED SINCE DRAFTING OF LAGOS 6488);

NAIRA DOLLARS

AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION	N 16,000
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, WIRING AND INSTALLATION	37,000
REPAIR AND RENOVATION	35,500
PARKING	10,000
SECURITY	23,200
TELEPHONE, EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION	33,300
ALTERNATIVE PROPERTY IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTION OF PREFAB. (18 MONTHS)	63,000
PHYSICAL MOVE	20,000
TOTAL COST	N238,000 \$392.800.
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